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Heather, Jeff, Bonnie, and Frank:

This docket concerns the Petition for an Accounting Order in reference to nuclear decommissioning funds. The Commission Staff has studied the matter, and has developed the attached questions. We would appreciate Duke addressing these questions, so as to better enable the Commission Staff to understand the Petition, and, ultimately, to better advise the Commission prior to their decision. Thanks in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

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Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

Petition for an Accounting Order to Eliminate the Expense Provision for Nuclear Decommissioning Costs

Docket No. 2015-96-E

1. How will the Company monitor the need to reinstate the expense provision for nuclear decommissioning costs?
2. How long does the Company anticipate deferring the amount included in rates used to fund the Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts to be used to pay for environmental remediation costs related to its coal-fired generating facilities?
3. Does the Company intend to use the deferred account to pay for environmental remediation costs other than coal ash clean-up?
  - a. If so, what other environmental remediation costs would be included?
  - b. What portion of the environmental remediation costs would be for coal ash clean-up?
4. Please describe how the Company intends to disburse funds collected from South Carolina ratepayers.
  - a. Will the funds collected from South Carolina ratepayers be used for clean-up of environmental remediation costs related to coal-fired facilities in South Carolina only, or for both South Carolina and North Carolina?
  - b. How will the Company determine the priority of locations requiring environmental remediation?
5. Will Duke Energy Carolinas (DEC) pay carrying charges on the balances contained in the regulatory liability account?
  - a. What interest rate will be used?
  - b. How will the Company determine the balances upon which carrying charges are assessed?

6. Would DEC provide the following information annually to the Commission and ORS?
  - a. Balance in the Account at the beginning of the reporting period and at the end of the reporting period
  - b. Dollar amount collected from South Carolina ratepayers during the reporting period
  - c. Dollar amount disbursed for environmental remediation related to coal ash for the reporting period on a total system basis
  - d. Dollar amount disbursed for environmental remediation related to coal ash for the reporting period on a South Carolina retail basis
  - e. Amount of carrying costs accrued during the reporting period
7. Has the Company made a similar request to eliminate the need for nuclear decommissioning expenses and to defer those amounts in its North Carolina jurisdiction?
  - a. If so, how did the North Carolina Commission rule on the Company's request?
  - b. If not, how does the Company propose to recover its environmental remediation costs from its North Carolina ratepayers?
8. What portion of environmental remediation costs will be recovered from North Carolina ratepayers?